

Olmstead/Downsizing  
Criteria for approving congregate residential placements.

**Note: The preferred placement for individuals discharged from psychiatric hospitals is supported housing, in which the individual lives in an apartment or house and receives the necessary supports, services and treatment to be successful in that home. For congregate placements, smaller settings are preferable over larger, more institutional settings.**

If congregate housing is the proposed residential placement, one of the following criteria must be met for the Division to approve the plan:

1. The individual is 60 years or older (applicable for ACH placements only.)
2. The individual/guardian has expressed an informed preference to move to the particular placement. This includes:
  - a. the individual has seen alternate types of residential settings during the discharge planning process
  - b. the individual has visited the proposed placement
3. The individual previously resided in the facility, immediately prior to the current hospitalization, but not more than 6 months ago, and expresses a desire to return.
4. The proposed residential placement provides necessary structure and programming that is not available in alternate types of residential settings.